

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

FINAL RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics hereby gives notice of final rulemaking action to adopt the following amendments to 3 DCMR Chapter 15, "Candidates: Electors of President and Vice-President."

The District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics at its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 took final action to adopt the following amendments to 3 DCMR Chapter 15, "Candidates: Electors of President and Vice-President."

No comments were received; and no changes were made to the text of the proposed rules as published in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (50 DCR 4002: May 23, 2003).

*Amend Section 1500 by deleting Subsection 1500.9 in its entirety and inserting the following in its place:*

1500.9: The documents required by §§ 1500.3 and 1500.7 shall be filed with the Board not later than 5:00p.m. on September 1<sup>st</sup> of each presidential election year, unless the deadline for these documents has been waived by the Board for good cause, and the documents required by § 1500.8 shall be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each presidential election year.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The Director of the Department of Health, pursuant to the authority set forth under § 302 (14) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 ("Act"), effective March 15, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1203.02 (14)), and Mayor's Order 98-140, dated August 20, 1998, hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following amendments to Chapter 66 of Title 17 DCMR (Business, Occupations & Professions) (May 1990). The rules amend Chapter 66 by greatly expanding the standards of conduct that govern the practice of Professional Counseling. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the D.C. Register on July 4, 2003 at 50 DCR 5311. No comments were received concerning these rules and no changes have been made since publication as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. These final rules will be effective upon publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

**Chapter 66 (Professional Counseling) of Title 17 DCMR (Business, Occupations & Professions) (May 1990) is amended to read as follows:**

**Section 6609 is amended to read as follows:**

**6609 Standards of Conduct**

- 6609.1 Licensed professional counselors shall not discriminate against clients because of age, color, culture, disability, ethnic group, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic status.
- 6609.2 Licensed professional counselors shall inform clients, preferably in writing, regarding the counseling process and counseling relationship at or before the time it begins and throughout the relationship.
- 6609.3 Licensed professional counselors shall make every effort to avoid dual relationship with clients that could impair their professional judgment or increase the risk of harm to clients. When a dual relationship cannot be avoided, licensed professional counselors shall take appropriate steps to ensure that their judgment is not impaired and that no exploitation occurs.
- 6609.4 Licensed professional counselors shall not engage in any type of sexual intimacies with current clients and shall not engage in sexual intimacies with former clients within a minimum of two years after terminating the counseling relationship. Licensed professional counselors who engage in such relationship after two years following termination shall have the responsibility to thoroughly examine and document that such relations did not have an exploitative nature.

































